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SUBJECT: GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO COMBAT NUCLEAR TERRORISM,
MODEL GUIDELINES DOCUMENT (MGD) FOLLOW-ON WORKSHOP, APRIL
20-22, 2009

REF: A. A: STATE 008773 (NUCLEAR DETECTION ARCHITECTURE
INFORMATION PAPER)

[1](#)B. B: STATE 123059(DRAFT MGD FOR GICNT PARTNER
REVIEW)

[1](#)1. This is an action request. Please see para 5 below.

[1](#)2. SUMMARY: Under the framework of the Global Initiative to
Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT), the USG, led by Department
of Homeland Security,s Domestic Nuclear Detection Office
(DNDO), will conduct a GICNT workshop on April 20-22, 2009 in
Garmisch, Germany to finalize the Model Guidelines Document
for Nuclear Detection Architectures (MGD).

[1](#)3. This April 2009 workshop builds upon the Global Nuclear
Detection Architecture Model Guidelines Document Workshop
conducted March 31-April 1, 2008 in Washington, D.C. (Ref A).
The 2008 workshop established the foundation for the joint
development of a Model Guidelines Document for Nuclear
Detection Architectures (MGD). The MGD will explain the
basic elements of a nuclear detection architecture and will
provide internationally-accepted guidance and recommendations
that can assist countries in developing and enhancing their
own architectures.

[1](#)4. As discussed in Ref B, DNDO led to the development of the
MGD,s first draft, which was distributed for GICNT partner
review and comment in November 2008. To finalize the existing
draft, the USG will conduct a follow-on workshop for policy
and technical experts on April 20-22, 2009 at the George C.
Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch,
Germany. This workshop will provide the forum for GICNT
partners to review the draft and incorporate collective
comments, finalize the document, and determine follow-on
steps such as the mechanism(s) for its dissemination.

END SUMMARY.

[1](#)5. ACTION REQUEST: Washington requests Posts to pursue the
following objectives:

--Invite relevant Ministries to participate in the workshop.

--Inquire with host governments if they would consent to
moderating the review of one of the document,s seven
technical sections during the workshop.

--Provide host government with workshop details (see para 6,
Information Paper).

--Direct partner nations to updated version of the MGD, which
is posted on the Global Initiative Information Portal.

--Inform host government of the process for responding to the
invitation.

END ACTION REQUEST.

[1](#)6. BEGIN INFORMATION PAPER:

As an outcome of the March 31-April 1, 2008 GICNT Nuclear
Detection Architecture Model Guidelines Document Workshop in
Washington, D.C., partners recommended that the U.S. develop
the first draft of a collaborative guidelines document and

disseminate it to foreign partners for review and comment.

A first draft of the collaborative document was completed, and GICNT partners have contributed reactions and substantive feedback. The USG is coordinating a follow-on workshop of technical, operational, and policy experts to provide the forum for GICNT partners to review the updated draft, discuss and incorporate additional comments, and determine follow-on steps. This activity directly supports Global Initiative objectives to strengthen nuclear detection capabilities.

The USG/DNDO envisions that the workshop will take place in a collaborative format where representatives from different nations will moderate smaller, breakout sessions to review the Document,s individual sections:

Nuclear Detection Architecture
National Level Approach
Structural Elements of a National Architecture
Technical Elements of a National Architecture
Information Architectures
Implementing Framework
Path Forward

The workshop will be held April 20-April 22, 2009 at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort located at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch, Germany. Logistical information will be posted on the Global Initiative Information Portal (GIIP) in the near future (). Participants are requested to bring a copy of the updated MGD draft to the workshop. The updated draft will be posted on the GIIP in the near future ().

The GIIP serves as the central online repository where GICNT information (such as logistical documents, activity briefings, or after action reports) is collected and stored. New users can register for access to the GIIP by completing a short online application form, which can be found at . Any questions regarding eligibility to access the GIIP can be directed to the GIIP Support Team at support@global-initiative.info.

The USG/DNDO has secured both a date and venue for the follow-on workshop, which will take place April 20- 22, 2009 at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany. Participants are requested to inform DNDO of intent to participate not later than February 18, 2009. Participants must contact the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort directly to reserve accommodations using the provided reservation code not later than March 15, 2009. After this date, accommodations will be released to general public without guaranteed availability for workshop participants.

The Edelweiss Lodge and Resort is extending the following rates to workshop participants:

Sunday, April 19: \$167.50 USD
Monday, April 20: \$167.50 USD
Tuesday, April 21: \$167.50 USD
Wednesday, April 22: \$108.00 USD

To reserve accommodations and make workshop payment, partner nations are requested to contact the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort via telephone at 49 8821 9440 and provide the following conference code: 0904DOMEST. The resort website is <http://www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com/>.

Price includes cost of room, breakfast, and lunch. The Edelweiss Lodge and Resort will be able to provide all participants with a memorandum that details expenses for the purpose of travel reimbursement in home countries.

Please note that workshop attendees without lodging accommodations at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort will be charged approximately \$40-45.00 USD per person, per day at registration to cover the costs associated with the facilities, as well as breakfast and lunch.

END INFORMATION PAPER.

¶7. REPORTING DEADLINE: Washington requests that Posts provide respective Ministries with workshop information as soon as possible. Please have host nation inform the USG points of contacts of intent to participate not later than February 18, ¶2009. Host nations must contact the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort directly to reserve accommodations not later than March 15, 2009. For additional logistical information, please see Administrative Circular posted on the GIIP.

¶8. BACKGROUND: The GICNT is dedicated to improving national and international capabilities to detect and prevent terrorist use of nuclear and radioactive materials. As outlined in the GICNT Statement of Principles, partner nations committed to &Improve the ability to detect nuclear and other radioactive materials and substances in order to prevent illicit trafficking in such materials and substances, to include cooperation in the research and development of national detection capabilities that would be interoperable.8 In support of this objective, DNDO hosted an international workshop in Washington, D.C. on March 31-April 1, 2008. The workshop was designed to coordinate the collaboration of the GICNT partner nations in the development of a Model Guidelines Document intended to describe the concept of Nuclear Detection Architectures and provide a strategic vision and set of practical guidelines for creating such architectures in national, regional, and international contexts. GICNT participants expressed their support for a proposed draft outline, contributed many important points and technical suggestions, and endorsed a plan for document finalization by the end of December 2008.

¶9. The USG completed a first draft of the Model Guidelines Document and posted the document to the Global Initiative Information Portal at the end of November 2008 for partner review and feedback. The posting included information on the USG,s intention to conduct a follow-on workshop under the framework of the GICNT to review the completed first MGD draft in the early 2009 timeframe.

END BACKGROUND.

¶10. POINTS OF CONTACT: Washington greatly appreciates Posts, assistance. To notify USG/DNDO of intent to participate and to provide facility clearance information, partner nations are requested to contact Ms. Caroline Bray (email: caroline.bray@dhs.gov, tel: 1 202.254.7040).

For further background information or discussion of the previously stated objectives, please contact Mr. Mark Wittrock (Department of Homeland Security, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office) and/or Ms. Meggen Watt (Department of State, WMD Terrorism Office).

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